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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
FOREIGN BROADCAST INFORMATION SERVICE
LONDON BUREAU

1 Grosvenor Square,
London, W.1.
26 May 1948

To: Chief, FBIB.

From: Chief, London Bureau, FBIS.

Subject: Report of activities of London Bureau covering month
ending 15 May 1948.

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II. Accomplishment of overall mission including firmly established individual objectives.

A total of 851,094 words (previous month 888,326) was transmitted to Washington during the month under review. Of this 11,094 words were filed via Western Union and the remaining 840,000 words through the Army Signal Corps.

G.2. EUCOM, OIC OMGUS, ODI OMGUS, and G.2 USFA each received 111,680 words of the output of the report section. All of this material was, of course, also included in the file to Washington. The American Embassy in Paris received 39,860 words.

In addition, 196,860 words from [redacted] were relayed to Washington.

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III. Proposals for improvement.

A complete examination of the activities of this outpost was conducted with the Chief, FBIB. As a result several improvements are hoped to be effected in the near future. Briefly, these will include: A general review of the distribution of [redacted] reports to insure that they go only to offices making day-to-day use of them; the return of the [redacted] wire desk to a daily 0730-0330 editorial coverage with the [redacted] providing flash coverage on important news breaks between 0330 and 0730; the return of wire desk editors to a work week of five 8-hour shifts.

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